New Delhi in 1985, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would order an inquiry into the matter in order to reveal the high powered supporters of Union Carbide operating from within the Government under in various covers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The book entitled "Another Revolution Fails" is about the Operation Flood Project, a dairy development programme. The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals have no information in this regard.

Improving the Pesticides Industry

2956. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sponsored a regional training workshop for pesticides in 1987-88; if so, what is the outcome thereof;

(b) whether this led to India's improved exports of pesticides to participating countries; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether India has also set up/or proposing to set up or helping for setting up pesticides factories in any of the participating countries and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A Regional Workshop on Quality Control of Pesticides Formulation was held in India in October/November, 1987 as a part of PEST Programme of World Bank in collaboration with UNIDO/UNDP and FAO under the auspices of the Regional Network for Production, Marketing and Control of Pesticides in Asia and Pacific (RENPAP). The Programme was offered as a part of the obligations of Regional Network Project which is being coordinated by India. There is no direct commercial linkage to this Project and no additional exports have been made on this account. So far, no request to put up any pesticide factory from any member country has been received. However, India has developed capabilities to set up pesticide factories, if requested.

Subsidy to pesticides industry

2957. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving large subsidies both direct and indirect to pesticides and if so, full details thereof indicating annual subsidies given to pesticide industry in the country both in the form of supplying raw material at lower international prices by treating these as deemed exports;

(b) what is the approximate annual value of all the subsidies direct and indirect;

(c) whether cash compensatory support is also being given and if so, estimated annual value thereof; and

(d) whether Government are aware that National Core-Group meeting on pesticides held at New Delhi on 20-21 February, 1989 attended by Experts, Farmers interests and other public health interests has called for phasing of pesticides and withdrawal of all subsidies and diversion to safe alternatives to pesticides for substantiable agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Government are not giving any direct or indirect subsidies to the pesticide industry in the country. However, cash compensatory support is paid at the rate of 5 per cent on exports of pesticides but this is also a refund of unrebated local taxes and is not a subsidy. Exports of pesticides in 1987-88 were about Rs. 40 crores on which CCS of Rs. 2 crores was payable. This does not include exports of aluminium phosphide on which there is no CCS.

(d) Yes, Sir.